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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the referenced application.

- "Report of Novelty Search" by Patentec, dated July 25, 2001. 1.
- 2. U.S. Patent Number 6,205,431 to T. Willemain et al. entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORECASTING INTERMITTENT DEMAND."

- ' ` 3. U.S. Patent Number 5,459,656 to R. Fields et al. entitled "BUSINESS METHOD PROJECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD."
  - 4. U.S. Patent Number 5,299,115 to R. Fields et al. entitled "PRODUCT DEMAND SYSTEM AND METHOD."
  - 5. U.S. Patent Number 5,799,286 to J. Morgan et al. entitled "AUTOMATED ACTIVITY-BASED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM."
  - U.S. Patent Number 5,732,401 to D. Conway entitled "ACTIVITY BASED COST TRACKING SYSTEMS."

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Applicants believe this paper is submitted before the mailing date of a first office action of the referenced patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b); therefore, no fee is believed to be required.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the present application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (925) 570 8198.

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